

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JOYCE B. RHEINGOLD, et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

MERCK & CO., INC., et al.,

Defendant(s),
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ORDER FOR INITIAL
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
08 Civ. 438(SAS)

SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN, U.S.D.J.:

This case has been designated an electronic case and has been assigned to me for all purposes. By the date of the initial pretrial conference counsel for all parties are required to register as filing users in accordance with the Procedures for Electronic Case Filing.

Counsel are directed to appear at the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, Courtroom 15C, on **March 3, 2008** at **4:30 p.m.**, for an initial pretrial conference. Pursuant to Rule 16, Fed. R. Civ. P., as amended on August 1, 1983, the Court will enter an order at this conference that limits the time: (1) to join other parties and to amend the pleadings; (2) to file and hear motions; (3) to set a discovery schedule including the completion of discovery; (4) to set a trial date and (5) to discuss settlement. Counsel who attend the conference must be prepared to discuss these issues. Counsel are referred to amended Rule 16 for a list of further matters which may be discussed at that time.

Pursuant to amended Rule 16(f) the parties shall meet, prior to the date of the conference, to discuss the nature and basis of their claims and defenses and the possibilities for a prompt settlement and to develop a proposed discovery plan. The parties should prepare and submit at the conference a proposed scheduling order on the form attached hereto. **YOU MUST BRING A COMPLETED SCHEDULING ORDER WITH YOU TO THE CONFERENCE!**

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to appear, provided that a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination is delivered before the date of the conference to the courtroom deputy clerk to chambers of Judge Scheindlin, Room 1620, U.S. Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007. If


plaintiff(s)' counsel intends to move for a default judgment, the Court should be advised prior to the initial pretrial conference date.

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF(S) ARE DIRECTED TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ALL ATTORNEYS IN THIS ACTION BY SERVING UPON EACH OF THEM A COPY OF THIS ORDER. If issue has not been joined but plaintiff(s)' counsel is aware of the identity of defendant(s)' counsel, plaintiff(s)' counsel is directed to mail a copy of this Order to defendant(s)' counsel forthwith. If at the time of the scheduled pretrial conference plaintiff not yet served the complaint, please advise the Court by letter as to the reason(s) service has not been made. If at the time of the scheduled pretrial conference there has been no answer/appearance on behalf of defendant(s), please advise the court. **ALL PARTIES MUST APPEAR AT THIS CONFERENCE EVEN IF YOU ARE UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE DEFENSE COUNSEL.**

Attorneys are directed to consult the Judge's Individual Rules with respect to adjournments, motion practice, communications with chambers and other relevant matters.

Counsel are advised that failure to comply with the terms of this Order may result in dismissal of the action with prejudice, or the entry of judgment by default.

SO ORDERED:


SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN
U.S.D.J.

Dated: New York, New York
February 7, 2008

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiff,	:	SCHEDULING ORDER
- against -	:	Civ. (SAS)
	:	Conference Date:
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Defendant(s).	:	

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WHEREAS, the Court issued an Order for a Conference in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) on (the "Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Order requires that the parties jointly prepare and sign a proposed scheduling order containing certain information;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby submit the following information as required by the Order:

- (1) the date of the conference and the appearances for the parties;
- (2) a concise statement of the issues as they then appear;
- (3) a schedule including:
 - (a) the names of persons to be deposed and a schedule of planned depositions;
 - (b) a schedule for the production of documents;
 - (c) dates by which (i) each expert's reports will be supplied to the adverse side and (ii) each expert's deposition will be completed;
 - (d) time when discovery is to be completed;

(e) the date by which plaintiff will supply its pre-trial order matters to defendant;

(f) the date by which the parties will submit a pre-trial order in a form conforming with the Court's instructions together with trial briefs and either (1) proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law for a non-jury trial, or (2) proposed voir dire questions and proposed jury instructions, for a jury trial; and

(g) a space for the date for a final pre-trial conference pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(d), to be filled in by the Court at the conference.

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(4) a statement of any limitations to be placed on discovery, including any protective or confidentiality orders;

(5) a statement of those discovery issues, if any, on which counsel, after a good faith effort, were unable to reach an agreement;

(6) anticipated fields of expert testimony, if any;

(7) anticipated length of trial and whether to court or jury;

(8) a statement that the Scheduling Order may be altered or amended only on a showing of good cause not foreseeable at the time of the conference or when justice so requires;

(9) names, addresses, phone numbers and signatures of counsel;

SO ORDERED:

SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN
U.S.D.J.